

2016 SPRING COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE EVENT

The Solid Waste Division's 2016 Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale Event was held Thursday through Saturday, March 24th through 26th. A total of 1,031 vehicles entered our facility during the event (Table 1), and a total of \$10,835 was generated during the sale. An estimated 1,523 cubic yards (838 tons) of compost and 1,401 cubic yards (403 tons) of woodchips were distributed.



The compost sold was a mix of 2015's composted yard waste, which is the weekly curbside collection of grass, leaves, garden pruning, and small woody waste along with material dropped off from other City of Lawrence Departments, including Parks and Recreation, and landscaping companies. The woodchips distributed during the sale were ground from residential and commercial sources of brush and tree debris. Woodchips are used as soil cover and to help conserve water by reducing moisture evaporation

from the soil. The compost and woodchips was sold for \$10 per bucket load. The bucket used to distribute compost is approximately 2.5 cubic yards and the bucket used for distributing woodchips is approximately 3 cubic yards. The material was free in small quantities to self-loaders.

During the sale event, well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. Compost and woodchip material will continue to be sold every Saturday, through mid-December, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays are self-load only. Pick-up truck or trailer loads are \$10 per load and small quantities are free. This sale is during scheduled brush drop-off hours.



Table 1: Number of new and repeat customers each day and the total over the three-day period. The hours of the sale each day were from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

	SALE			Total
	Thurs. Mar 24	Fri. Mar 25	Sat. Mar 26	
New Customers	150	324	255	729
Repeat Customers	50	145	107	302
Total (each day)	200	469	362	1031